

WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of August 25, 2009 Meeting

Warren Town Hall, 2nd Floor

7:00 pm

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Attendees: Edward J. Theberge, John DaSilva, Janet O'Brien and Chris Fuller

Absentees: BG (Ret.) Richard J. Valente, Patricia Read and Eileen Collins

Location: Planning Board Conference Room, Warren Town Hall

1 - Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Vice Chairman Ed Theberge Presiding

2 - Review of Minutes

a. July 28, 2009

Motion made by Mr. Fuller to accept the Minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Theberge. Motion passed unanimously.

3 - Old Business

a. Financial Report

Mr. DaSilva reported that the August expenses were the monthly \$100 stipend for the secretary and \$90 for Lakeville Computer Center for the Web site. The WVHDC is currently \$1,270 under budget.

b. Status Report

Mr. DaSilva presented the updated status report which includes projects which received initial approval and final approval at the July 28, 2009 meeting. Total amount of open projects is \$116,260.82.

c. 279 Water Street LLC

Mr. Theberge reported on the status of the 279 Water Street LLC project which had previously been presented to the WHDC by property owner Albert Bilodeau.

Mr. Theberge said that at the Planning Board meeting of August 24, 2009, Mr. Bilodeau withdrew his plans for the largest of the three buildings and presented a plan to demolish one of the smaller buildings and rebuild it as an ice cream shop.

d. Dallaire Tax Credits

Mr. Theberge recounted a conversation with Tax Assesssor Catherine Maisano concerning a completed and a recently approved repair/restoration project application for Laurent Dallaire, 44 State Street. Ms. Maisano had told Mr. Theberge that according to town records, Mr. Dallaire was not the owner of the property which would nullify tax credits for the completed project and the new project he was about to embark on.

As the owner, according to the deed card, appeared to be related to Mr. Dallaire, it was suggested he could resubmit his recent application with that individual's approval/signature.

Mr. DaSilva said in his opinion it was the Tax Assessor's responsibility to notify Mr. Dallaire about the tax credit problem with the finalized project. Mr. Theberge said the WVHDC should send him a letter regarding the application approved in July.

Mr. DaSilva asked that the letter direct Mr. Dallaire to the Tax Assessor for further information and that the Assessor receive a copy of that letter.

Mr. Theberge made a motion to send the letter, seconded by Mr. Fuller. Motion passed unanimously.

4 - New Business

a. Liberty Street School

Mr. Theberge asked Board members to consider the July presentation by the architect of

plans for the renovation of Liberty Street School and bring back ideas for a letter

containing recommendations at the September meeting.

Mr. DaSilva said that he was not as concerned with the plans as he

had been after he

recently drove by the building. The planned new addition will not be visible from the

street and “any improvement to the building will be a good thing, not bad,” he said.

b. Standards & Guidelines

Mr. Fuller produced the new version of the Standards & Guidelines which he and the S &

G subcommittee has been working on. He detailed the process, then explained the reasons for changes.

Among questions asked by committee members was whether there is a need for a special Standards& Guidelines for Commercial Properties.

Before the committee votes on the document, it will review the Standards & Guidelines further.

On a suggestion from Mr. Theberge and a motion from Mr. Fuller, seconded by Ms.

O'Brien, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into a workshop to work on the Standards & Guidelines.

5 - Adjournment

Mr. Fuller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. O'Brien. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.